

In the Claims:

Please replace all previous claim listings with the following claim listing:

1. (Currently Amended) A corner protector in combination with a cabinet that includes a first wall and a second wall, the corner protector comprising:

a top member having an inner portion, an outer portion and a side portion;

a generally planar inner wall connected to and extending downwardly from the inner portion of the top member, the inner wall including a cut-out portion;

a generally planar outer wall connected to and extending downwardly from the outer portion of the top member, the outer wall spaced apart from, and substantially parallel to, the inner wall;

a side wall connected to and extending downwardly from the side portion of the top member;

wherein the plane defined by the side wall and the plane defined by the outer wall intersect at an acute angle, and

wherein the top member, the inner wall and the outer wall define a cavity, and

wherein the ~~a~~-first wall of the cabinet and the ~~a~~-second wall of the cabinet are received within the cavity.

2. (Previously Presented) The corner protector in combination with the cabinet of Claim 1, wherein the corner protector further comprises a raised lip that extends upwardly from the top member along at least a portion of the periphery of the top member.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The corner protector in combination with the cabinet of Claim 2, wherein the corner protector further comprises at least one rib disposed on a top surface of the top member.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The corner protector in combination with the object of Claim 33, wherein the acute angle is approximately 67 degrees.

7. (Previously Presented) The corner protector in combination with the object of Claim 33, wherein the acute angle is approximately 45 degrees.

8. (Previously Presented) The corner protector in combination with the object of Claim 33, wherein the corner protector includes indicia indicating the side of the object on which the protective device is to be used.

9. (Previously Presented) The corner protector in combination with the object of Claim 33, wherein the length of the inner wall is different than the length of the outer wall.

10. (Currently Amended) The corner protector in combination with the cabinet of Claim 1, ~~wherein the inner wall includes a cutout portion, and wherein the cutout portion of the inner wall is an end portion of the inner wall.~~

11. (Previously Presented) The corner protector in combination with the object of Claim 33, wherein the corner protector is integrally formed of polymeric material.

12. (Previously Presented) The corner protector in combination with the object of Claim 11, wherein the corner protector is formed from injection molded thermoplastic material.

13-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A corner protector in combination with an object that has a first wall and second wall, the corner protector comprising:

an outer wall;

an inner wall located opposite the outer wall and extending substantially parallel to the outer wall;

a side wall the outer wall;

a top member connected to at least two of the outer wall, the inner wall and the side wall,

wherein the inner wall is a substantially planar wall and wherein the outer wall is a substantially planar wall,

wherein a portion of the inner wall adjacent the side wall includes a cutout portion that forms a first opening into a cavity defined by the inner wall, the outer wall and the side wall,

wherein a second opening is provided into the cavity between the inner wall and the outer wall opposite the side wall, and

wherein the first opening ~~is configured to receive a~~ receives the first wall of an ~~the~~ object and the second opening ~~is configured to receive a~~ receives the second wall of the object, and

wherein the side wall and the outer wall connect to form an acute angle and wherein a plane defined by the side wall and a plane defined by the inner wall intersect at an obtuse angle.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A The corner protector in combination with the object according to Claim 16, wherein the top member is substantially perpendicular to the outer wall, the inner wall and the side wall.

19. (Currently Amended) A The corner protector in combination with the object according to Claim 18, wherein the outer wall, the inner wall, and the side wall extend above a top surface of the top member to form a ridge around the periphery of the top member.

20. (Currently Amended) A The corner protector in combination with the object according to Claim 19, wherein a plurality of support ribs are provided on the top surface of the top member that connect the outer wall to the inner wall.

21. (Currently Amended) A The corner protector in combination with the object according to Claim 20, wherein at least one support rib is provided on the top surface of the top member that connects the outer wall to the side wall.

22. (Currently Amended) A The corner protector in combination with the object according to Claim 16, wherein the acute angle is approximately 67 degrees.

23. (Currently Amended) A The corner protector in combination with the object according to Claim 16, wherein the acute angle is approximately 45 degrees.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A The corner protector in combination with the object according to Claim 16, wherein the inner wall and outer wall are resilient.

26. (Currently Amended) A The corner protector in combination with the object according to Claim 25 ~~in combination with the object~~, wherein a portion of the cavity between the inner wall and the outer wall has a width that is slightly less than the width of the second wall of the object, such that the inner wall and the outer wall form an interference fit with the second wall of the object when the second wall of the object is received within the cavity.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A cabinet including a protective device useful for shielding a corner of the cabinet from damage, comprising:

an enclosure comprising a plurality of walls, wherein pairs of the walls merge to form a plurality of corners; ~~and~~

~~the protective device~~, wherein the protective device comprises: an outer wall for protecting the outside edge of one of the corners of the cabinet; an inner wall located opposite the outer wall and extending substantially parallel to the outer wall; a side wall that connects the outer wall to the inner wall; and a top member disposed between and connected to at least one of the outer wall, the inner wall and the side wall, wherein the side wall and the outer wall define an acute angle and wherein the side wall and the inner wall define an obtuse angle.

29. (Previously Presented) A protective device useful for shielding a corner of an object from damage, comprising:

a top member having an inner portion, an outer portion and a side portion;

an inner wall connected to and extending downwardly from the inner portion of the top member;

an outer wall connected to and extending downwardly from the outer portion of the top member and located opposite the inner wall;

a side wall connected to and extending downwardly from the side portion of the top member;

wherein the side wall and the outer wall merge to form an acute angle,

wherein a portion of the inner wall adjacent the side wall is recessed to form a first opening into a cavity defined by the inner wall, the outer wall and the side wall,

wherein a second opening is provided into the cavity between the inner wall and the outer wall opposite the side wall, and

wherein the protective device is formed of a polymeric material.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The cabinet of Claim 28, wherein the inner wall of the protective device comprises a substantially planar wall, and wherein the outer wall of the protective device comprises a substantially planar wall.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A corner protector in combination with an object having a first wall and a second wall, the corner protector comprising:

a top member having an inner portion, an outer portion and a side portion;

a generally planar inner wall connected to and extending downwardly from the inner portion of the top member;

a generally planar outer wall connected to and extending downwardly from the outer portion of the top member, the outer wall spaced apart from, and substantially parallel to, the inner wall; and

a side wall connected to and extending downwardly from the side portion of the top member;

wherein the plane defined by the side wall and the plane defined by the outer wall intersect at an acute angle,

wherein a portion of the inner wall adjacent the side wall includes a cutout portion that forms a first opening into a cavity that resides below a lower surface of the top member, the cavity defined by the inner wall, the outer wall and the side wall,

wherein a second opening is provided into the cavity between the inner wall and the outer wall opposite the side wall, and

wherein the first and second walls of the object are received within the cavity so that a portion of a corner defined by the first and second walls of the object is protected by the corner protector.

34. (Previously Presented) The corner protector in combination with the object of Claim 33, wherein a side edge of the side wall directly contacts a side edge of the outer wall.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Presented) The cabinet of Claim 28, wherein an end portion of the inner wall adjacent to the sidewall is cut out to create an opening into a cavity defined by the inner wall, the outer wall and the side wall.

37. (Currently Amended) A The corner protector in combination with the object according to Claim 16 in combination with the object, wherein the object comprises a cabinet.

38. (Currently Amended) The corner protector in combination with the object of Claim ~~35~~, 33, wherein the cavity includes a channel portion between the inner wall and the outer wall that has a width that is slightly less than the width of the second wall of the object such that the inner wall and the outer wall form an interference fit with the second wall of the object.